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FOR BROADCASTING PROGRAM AND SATELLITE BROADCASTING  
RECEPTION APPARATUS

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1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 06-104856, published April 15, 1994.
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 07-154350, published June 16, 1995.
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 08-191255, published July 23, 1996.
4. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 09-055673, published February 25, 1997.

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5. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 09-163352, published June 20, 1997.
6. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 09-270093, published October 14, 1997.

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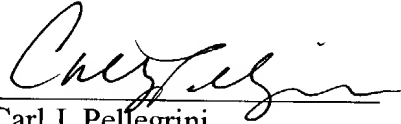
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